



# Private Ear

NEWSLETTER OF PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

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## FROM THE HELM

December 2008

**Hard to believe**, but this is my *last Helm*. I think we've had a good year with improvement in docks, new Junior sailing area, redecorated rest rooms, etc. We've also had a successful year in sailing, both at PYC and at out of town regattas. Our **Catalina 22, Flying Scott, MC Scow and Opti fleets** did us proud out of town. **Chris Cyrul's Olson 30** came in a close second on **Lake Erie**, one of the smaller boats in the race.

The death of **Marge Lamb** in March was a sad occurrence. Marge's sunny outlook brightened up many a day. The Board experienced some **controversy** over **Kerry and Stuart Lamb's** request to exempt them from the requirement to submit an Associate membership application and to become members in order for them to use the cabin. With Stuart living in DC, and Kerry in Georgia, the Board needed assurance they would actually be active club members. They chose not to apply, and made the wise decision to sell the cabin in October to **Scott and Marilyn Irwin**, who are actively updating the cabin.

At the beginning of the year there were a number of people, including me, who wondered if we needed to increase the cap number of family members, now at 130. It appeared that the number of inactive members might prevent active Associates from becoming members. At this time, the situation seems to be working itself out, with people leaving at the rate people are coming in. The club remains healthy.

As the value of our asset base increases, with new docks, five club boats, increasing land values, etc., the fees we are charging for dues and wet and dry boat storage are a real bargain. It is becoming more and more difficult to obtain boat slips on the lake, making our facility even more desirable. Our current fee schedule still comfortably supports our current expenses, but the capital as-

essment hasn't been increased in keeping with the increased club value.

After considerable discussion at the last Board meeting, a motion was made and passed to submit a request to the membership to increase incrementally the assessment by \$100.00 per year for four years to a level of \$1000.00, payable over three years as at present. The current Associate members would be exempt. This is a modest increase, and I hope it will be accepted.

Sometime in 2006, new **policies for wet and dry boat storage** were drafted and approved, by the Board, but never fully implemented. These policies put into more clear language what has been the policy over the years. **Dieter Kuberg** further refined them, and the current Board reaffirmed them. They are common sense requirements to be sure that boats are properly maintained, and that owners and the club are properly protected. I urge the membership to honor them.

Also, there were two boats recently that may have sunk had not other members cleared blocked cockpit drains. This time of year in particular, boats need to be checked.

I wanted to give some of my thoughts here to allow me to be brief at the **Annual Dinner**. We always have a full agenda, and you don't need a long speech from me. I really have enjoyed my year as Commodore, and thank you all for the privilege of serving.

*See you all at the January 17th  
Dinner!*  
*Walt*

# COMING EVENTS

Check the PYC website for more info.

Dec 31, 2008

PYC New Year's Eve at the Club

9 pm Wednesday

Jan 17, 2009

Annual Meeting - Valleybrook Country Club - Door Prize!!!

6 pm Saturday



## CHATTANOOGA CHALLENGE

Mike Rasbury photos





# A LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR GONE BY



2008 TENNESSEE VALLEY CHALLENGE CUP AT JOE WHEELER

Werner Slabber photos



## 2008 NORTHERN GULF COAST CRUISE



B. Snyder photo



Overbeck photo

## OVERNIGHT CRUISES B. Snyder photo



## CATALINA 22 WEIGH-IN





# SOUTHEASTERN OPTI CHAMPIONSHIP

Mike Rasbury photos





RELAXIN' AUGUST FULL MOON RAFT UP



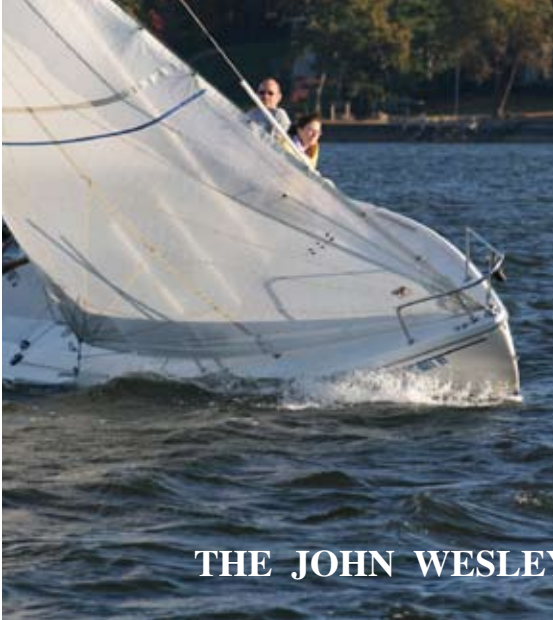
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HOT DIGGITY **DOG** DINGHIES  
Mike Rasbury photos







**THE JOHN WESLEY PIG REGATTA**

Mike Rasbury photos



# CHRISTMAS AT SEA

The sheets were frozen hard, and they cut the naked hand;  
The decks were like a slide, where a seamen scarce could stand;  
The wind was a nor'wester, blowing squally off the sea;  
And cliffs and spouting breakers were the only things a-lee.

They heard the surf a-roaring before the break of day;  
But 'twas only with the peep of light we saw how ill we lay.  
We tumbled every hand on deck instanter, with a shout,  
And we gave her the maintops'l, and stood by to go about.

All day we tacked and tacked between the South Head and the North;  
All day we hauled the frozen sheets, and got no further forth;  
All day as cold as charity, in bitter pain and dread,  
For very life and nature we tacked from head to head.

We gave the South a wider berth, for there the tide-race roared;  
But every tack we made we brought the North Head close aboard:  
So's we saw the cliffs and houses, and the breakers running high,  
And the coastguard in his garden, with his glass against his eye.

The frost was on the village roofs as white as ocean foam;  
The good red fires were burning bright in every 'long-shore home;  
The windows sparkled clear, and the chimneys volleyed out;  
And I vow we sniffed the victuals as the vessel went about.

The bells upon the church were rung with a mighty jovial cheer;  
For it's just that I should tell you how (of all days in the year)  
This day of our adversity was blessed Christmas morn,  
And the house above the coastguard's was the house where I was born.

O well I saw the pleasant room, the pleasant faces there,  
My mother's silver spectacles, my father's silver hair;  
And well I saw the firelight, like a flight of homely elves,  
Go dancing round the china-plates that stand upon the shelves.

And well I knew the talk they had, the talk that was of me,  
Of the shadow on the household and the son that went to sea;  
And O the wicked fool I seemed, in every kind of way,  
To be here and hauling frozen ropes on blessed Christmas Day.

They lit the high sea-light, and the dark began to fall.  
"All hands to loose topgallant sails," I heard the captain call.  
"By the Lord, she'll never stand it," our first mate Jackson, cried.  
..."It's the one way or the other, Mr. Jackson," he replied.

She staggered to her bearings, but the sails were new and good,  
And the ship smelt up to windward just as though she understood.  
As the winter's day was ending, in the entry of the night,  
We cleared the weary headland, and passed below the light.

And they heaved a mighty breath, every soul on board but me,  
As they saw her nose again pointing handsome out to sea;  
But all that I could think of, in the darkness and the cold,  
Was just that I was leaving home and my folks were growing old.

By Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-94).

NOTE: The mystery passage in last month's *Private Ear* was from Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*.



## NEWS from the DOCKMASTER

Dieter Kuberg

### BOAT REGISTRATIONS & INSURANCE

Effective with the new year is the requirement by PYC that members have **current registration** for all boats where the state requires registration. In addition, members must submit an **insurance certificate** or copy of the sheet showing the coverage of the policy. You may send these to the Dockmaster at PO Box 203, Hixson, TN, 37343, or scan them and e-mail them to me at: [dwkuberg@comcast.net](mailto:dwkuberg@comcast.net).

In addition, if you want to request a new slip or dry sailing space, drop one that you have,

or move to another space or slip, you must fill out the form at the end of the Wet Slip Policy currently posted on the PYC website. Please note, **a separate request is required for each action**. In other words, if a member wants to turn in a slip or space, and you want it, the Dockmaster will require two sheets, one from the member dropping the slip and another from the person requesting that slip.

In case you wonder why the paper trail, we have had a hard time determining who to bill for the spaces or slips. Besides making life easier for the Dockmaster, it will also help the Treasurer who is trying to properly bill members for their spaces.

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### DRY STORAGE SPACE ASSIGNMENT POLICY

#### 1. NEW ASSIGNMENT OF DRY STORAGE SPACE

- A. Dry storage spaces will be assigned to Family and Associate members.
- B. Applications for dry storage space assignment must be made in writing to the Dockmaster on the attached form. The form must be completed in full.
- C. Boat owner is responsible for acquiring and maintaining liability insurance on boats stored on Club property. A valid certificate of insurance shall be submitted to the Dockmaster annually. Each boat must have current registration stickers properly displayed.
- D. Associate members limited to a single dry storage space.
- E. Family members are limited to three dry storage spaces provided there are sufficient spaces available.
- F. The following guidelines will be used if there are no open spaces when a new request is received by the Dockmaster. Space will be made for the new applicant by displacing members from current assignments based on the following priority usage on dry sailed spaces:
  - 1) Actively dry sailed boat (highest priority)
  - 2) Dry sailed boat
  - 3) Trailer for actively sailed boat usually stored in wet slip
  - 4) Trailer for a boat stored in a wet slip
  - 5) Empty trailer
  - 6) Neglected trailer and/or boat on good trailer (lowest priority)

#### 2. APPLICATIONS FOR REASSIGNMENT OF

### DRY STORAGE SPACES

- A. Current holders of dry storage spaces may apply for re-assignment to a specific dry storage space currently held by another member if that member's boat is obviously not being used.
  - B. The Dockmaster will deem such application justified only if one of the boats is totally inactive and has not been used for a long period of time. It is not to be deemed justified if both boats are used with reasonable frequency and one boat is only marginally more active than another.
  - C. If such an application is made and the Dockmaster deems the request justified, a letter will be sent to both parties informing them of the request for reassignment. A decision will be made by the Board at the next board meeting. Both members may attend and may make their case in favor of or opposed to the reassignment. The final decision will be made by the Board, based on the perceived usage of both boats and in the best interest of the Club.
- #### 3. CURRENTLY ASSIGNED DRY STORAGE SPACE
- A. The space must be kept neat and orderly. Including keeping weeds and under-brush trimmed.
  - B. The trailer must have fully inflated tires suitable to transport the trailer fully loaded around the club grounds without causing damage to the trailer or tires.
  - C. Dockmaster has responsibility of assigning spaces to best accommodate storage requirements and anticipated usage.
  - D. No spaces will be reassigned without prior notice to the space holder.



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E. Space holders have the right to ask for the board to hear arguments why they should NOT be moved to another space.

**4. GENERAL DRY STORAGE SPACE ADMINISTRATION POLICY**

A. All trailers in dry storage spaces shall be marked with the name of the owner. The name shall be a minimum of 1 inch tall in block letters on the front, port side of the trailer. It shall be black or white selected to contrast with the trailer color.

B. Members may not reassign their space to another member. The Dockmaster shall be the only authorized person to make assignments.

C. A member may allow another member to place a trailer or boat in their space on a temporary basis not to exceed 14 calendar days. The Dockmaster must be notified in writing or by e-mail when there is another trailer and/or boat in their space.

D. No one may live on a boat stored in a dry storage space.

E. Members must inform the Dockmaster in writing of their intention to leave their assigned space vacant for more than 60 days. After 60 days without notice, the Dockmaster, with Board of Directors' approval, may send a written notice to the member, informing them that a written statement of their intentions is required within 30 days. If no appropriate response is received, the Board may inform the Dockmaster that the space is available for permanent assignment to another member.

F. A member who removes his or her boat from the assigned space for more than 90 days shall notify the Dockmaster in writing of their intent to do so. Members whose space remains vacant beyond the 90-day period must obtain the written approval of the Board of Directors in order to maintain their assignment. Notification to the Board must be done in writing.

G. Members who sell their boat to non-members must notify the buyer that it is mandatory that they remove the boat from PYC within two weeks of the sale.

H. PYC members purchasing another member's boat must apply for a new space (or the same space if the seller is willing to part with it) in the same manner as anyone else requesting to bring a boat into the facility, unless the purchaser can store their new boat in a space already assigned to them.

I. Boats sold to other members of PYC may not be jointly owned by both members for the sole purpose of maintaining the space assignment. If the appearance of such an arrangement takes place, the Board may request both members to provide evidence that the boat is, in fact, jointly owned and used by both members. If, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, the joint ownership is for the purpose of retaining the space, the Board may void the space assignment and require a new application for space assignment.

J. Space assignments will be posted on the Club bulletin board and on the website.

K. The Dockmaster will periodically update the posted dry storage space assignments.

**5. VIOLATIONS**

A. Members whose boats violate any of the requirements set out in the Dry Storage Space Assignment Policy will receive written notification of the violation and will be given 30 days to correct the problem.

B. If they fail to correct the violation within the 30 day period, they will forfeit the right to a keep a boat or trailer on the Club property for one year.

C. Members currently in assigned spaces are allowed until March 1, 2009 to come into full compliance with this policy. This policy will apply in full to any changes or new assignments after the approval date.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Mullen  
Van Polidoro  
Bill Robertson  
Dieter Kuberg

This policy was approved by  
the board on 11-10-2008



**DRY STORAGE SPACE OR WET SLIP ASSIGNMENT AND CHANGE REQUEST FORM**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Sail Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Request (Check One):  
New: \_\_\_\_\_  
Change: \_\_\_\_\_  
Drop: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Assigned Location: \_\_\_\_\_

To Member: \_\_\_\_\_

After completion of your portion, please forward to the Dockmaster who will assign your location and forward to the Treasurer and Membership Chairman.

Location Assigned by Dockmaster: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dockmaster Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Chairman Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

All members who have a trailer on club property, must have the owner's name clearly marked on the trailer.

# PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — December 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:18 PM by Commodore Jenison at his home.

Members present: D. Bergevin C. Cofield  
B. Cooper S. George W. Jenison  
D. Kuberg B. Lesley J. Rathjen  
P. Snyder D. Mullen  
Observers present: S. Cofield M. Jenison

Minutes of November meeting were approved. Cofield moved. Kuberg seconded.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Walt mentioned that the **\$600 one-time capital assessment** for new Family Members has been questioned as to a need to raise it. It would need to be voted upon also by the membership, like at the Annual Meeting coming up next month. We allow the capital assessment to be paid over a three year period, but members do not have a vote until it is paid.

B. Cooper commented that when and if it is raised, it would only apply to new members coming in after it has been voted upon. J. Rathjen stated that it would be good to have a long range plan to demonstrate to the membership what upcoming expenses can be expected. Consensus was that not much money is raised with the one-time capital assessment, and that it could be stepped up over time.

P. Healy moved that it be increased \$100 per year for four years, depending upon the vote of the membership, with all existing Family and Associate members grand-fathered. Kuberg seconded, and the motion passed.

- Carol has mailed letters to those with overdue dues.

- The clubhouse water heater has been replaced.

## OFFICER REPORTS:

### Brainard Cooper, Vice Commodore Race Committee Chairman:

- Cooper wants to make some improvements on the **race committee schedule** since this year some club members who should have been on it were not, and at least one club member was scheduled 4 times. He

plans to hand off a complete schedule to the new Race Committee Chairman. Last year we had 14 dates for regattas, next year we will have 12. That leaves open about 75 dates for club races.

### David Bergevin, Rear Commodore, Membership:

- **Tom & Pam Bumgardner** are Associate Members, ready to be voted upon for Family Membership. Bergevin moved, and Snyder seconded. Motion passed.

- **Jeff & Marcia Barnes** (Judy Mullin's son) are new Associate Members.

- **Jack Everett** changed his status to Out of Town. He will have to continue payments on his Capital Assessment to be eligible for reinstatement.

- We have 120 Family Memberships, now, and 13 Associates.

- Since January 2007, 14 new Family Memberships; 13 from Associate Level, 1 from Reinstatement.

- 17 Family Memberships lost, some to Out of Town Status, Relocation, Resignation, and unfortunately one death.

### Pete Snyder, Secretary — Editor, *Private Ear*:

- No Report.

### Carol Cofield, Treasurer:

- Carol gave her report and it was accepted. George moved and Healy seconded.

### Dieter Kuberg, Dock Meister & Dry Slip Director:

- Dieter has six Certificates of Insurance at this point. Everyone with a boat at the club needs to provide that.

### John Rathjen, Land Committee Chairman & Club Boat Director:

- No report.

### Paul Healy, Social Committee Chairman:

- Paul has been in touch with **Coral Reef Sailing Apparel** to establish a **Ship's Store** for PYC through our website, linked to theirs. He will have them

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make up some sample cotton and microfiber shirts and hats with the two different logo patterns, one like the club burgee and one like the club letterhead. Coral Reef will handle all the inventory and we will get a 7% discount on their other merchandise. Sales of “our” club inventory will bring us 5% of sales. Paul just needed a go ahead from the board to have CRSA make the sample shirts. Cooper made a motion and Rathjen seconded it – motion passed.

**Bryson Lesley, Director of Building, Grounds and Docks:**

- December 8th PYC paid \$3,600 from the Opti program to purchase the three Opties that were owned by Steve Sherman but kept at the club.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Nominations for 2009 Officers: S. George listed:

Commodore:	Brainard Cooper
Vice Commodore:	Dave Varnell
Rear Commodore:	Dieter Kuberg
Past Commodore:	Walt Jenison
Treasurer:	Carol Cofield
Secretary:	Peter Snyder
Two Year Director:	Guy Campbell
Two Year Director:	Scott Irwin
One Year Director:	David Bergevin
One Year Director:	Bryson Lesley

- Motion to adjourn by Kuberg, second by Bergevin – passed. Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) **Paul Healy** is working on the PYC Handbook. Board members will need to get items from their area of responsibility to Paul for printing in the Handbook.
- 2) **Bryson** will move dirt to eliminate water ponding by the J Lift. Also, lower side edge of boat ramp next to rigging dock will be concreted.
- 3) **Pat Crowe** to work with **Bryson Lesley** to take down the old flagpole.
- 4) **Healy** will order sample shirts and hats from **Coral Reef Clothing**. Healy will order Burgees, also.

- 5) **Lesley** will be working with an electrician to document the club’s electrical layout. .

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter Snyder, Secretary**

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**PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB SHIP’S STORE**

available through Coral Reef Sailing

Go to this website:

[http://coralreefsailing.net/privateer\\_yacht\\_club\\_](http://coralreefsailing.net/privateer_yacht_club_)

Check back later for member discounts during promotional sales on all types of apparel and gear, even outside the range of our customized pieces.



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Paul Healy, Social Director:	423-892-1838
John Rathjen, Club Boat Director:	423-843-1718
Dick Mullen, Honorary Director:	423-875-9998

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**INTERESTING SAILING VIDEOS:**

Leeward mark rounding:

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/media/08/1205>

Fastest sailboat:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfJK5ycx\\_hg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfJK5ycx_hg)

Rigging too tight?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LA-REpV-ReY>



THE FUTURE OF SAILING HAS A FUN COMPONENT.

## Privateer Yacht Club

was organized on July 25, 1940, in order to promote sailing in the Chickamauga Lake area and particularly in Chattanooga; to teach its members to talk the language of the sea and build up a marine tradition for "The Great Lakes of The South"; to help promote water safety and a code of ethics for the waterways; to form a social and activity nucleus for people in the area interested in sailing; and to develop an active relationship with other sailing and boating organizations to promote racing and other boating activities.

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